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INFO AMCONSUL HONG KONG

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR MY CH UR VN

SUBJ: VISIT OF MALAYSIAN ASIAN PEOPLE'S SOLIDARITY ORGANIZATION

TO HANOI

REF: KL 5976

1. DEC 17 "NEW STRAITS TIMES" REPORTS THAT IN RESPONSE TO INVITATION BY NORTH VIETNAM AFRO-ASIAN PEOPLE'S SOLIDARITY ORGANIZATION (AAPSO), A FOUR-MAN MALAYSIAN AAPSO DELEGATION DEPARTED 16 DEC FOR 10 DAY GOODWILL TOUR TO HANOI. DELEGATION COMPOSED OF AAPSO CHAIRMAN MAZLAN NOORDIN (EDITOR-IN-CHIEF OF "UTUSAN MELAYU" NEWSPAPER GROUP); AAPSO SEC-GEN ABDUL KADIR BIN HAJI SHEIKH FADZIR (POLITICAL SECY TO SOCIAL WELFARE MINISTER); AAPSO DEP SEC-GEN SHAHRIR SAMAD (POL SEC TO PRIMARY INDUSTRIES MINISTER MUSA HITAM), AND ABDUL AZIZ BIN ABDUL HAMID (A PRIVATE LAWYER).

2. DATUK ABDULLAH AHMAD (DEP MIN IN PM'S DEPT) STATED AT PRESS CONFERENCE ANNOUNCING TRIP THAT HE HOPED THIS WOULD BE A FIRST STEP TOWARD MORE USEFUL CONTACTS BETWEEN BOTH COUNTRIES

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AND HOPED SIMILAR GOODWILL TRIPS WOULD FOLLOW. AHMAD CONTINUED

THAT MALAYSIA AAPSO HAS ACCEPTED SOVIET INVITATION TO SEND DELEGATION TO MOSCOW IN JAN OR FEB 75. ALSO TENTATIVE FUTURE PLANS CALL FOR VISITS TO PRC AND OTHER COUNTRIES.

3. COMMENT: MALAYSIA AND NORTH VIETNAM ESTABLISHED DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS IN MAR 73 BUT TO DATE NEITHER COUNTRY HAS GIVEN INDICATIONS OF WANTING TO OPEN AN EMBASSY. MALAYSIAN AAPSO IS CLOSELY CONTROLLED BY GOM AND COMPOSITION OF THIS LOW-LEVEL "GOODWILL" DELEGATION DOES NOT SUGGEST THAT POLITICAL INITIATIVE BY GOM VIS A VIS HANOI IS IN OFFING (REFTEL). MAZLAN NOORDIN'S PRE-DEPARTURE STATEMENT EXPRESSING SYMPATHY WITH "COURAGEOUS STRUGGLE OF VIETNAMESE PEOPLE AGAINST COLONIALISM AND IMPERIALISM" (REPORTED HERE ONLY IN JAWI SCRIPT "UTUSAN MELAYU") AND HANOI VISIT SHOULD BE VIEWED ESSENTIALLY AS EFFORT AT MAINTAINING APPEARANCE OF FRIENDLY RELATIONS BETWEEN GOM AND DRV.

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